

**Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:32 pm.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** George Caye, Al Larson, Renee Powell, Mindy Lewis, Mike Kelly, Toby Lewis, Rita Goel

**Also in Attendance:** Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, Matt Riley and Michael Gonzalez

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made and seconded to approve the April minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Public Input:** None

**Sustainable CT:** This town wide plan needs input from all boards and commissions. Ray has already met with SWWW and received their information. The program has 10 bullet points. There really is no area for Parks and Recreation. Ray would like us to consider drafting a letter stating that there needs to be a separate section for Parks and Rec. They could have a sub section in points 6, 7, 9, and 10. A motion was made and seconded to have Al draft a letter to try and add Parks and Rec to Sustainable CT.

**Master Plan Revision:** Toby had suggested that we break up into small groups to tackle the new Master Plan. The group spent a half hour with different sections of the plan. Our goal will be to try and get this plan completed by the end of 2018. Ray will have a student intern for the summer to put in between 20-30 hours a week on the Master Plan.

**Report of Council Liaison:** The Town Budget was approved. There are still concerns about what the State will be giving the towns and if there will be cuts throughout the year. There is a line item that Ray thought was still in the Capitol Projects for \$150,000 for PARC.

**Report of the B of E Liaison:** The budget did have a line item for \$70,000 for an Elementary World Language Teacher.

**OSTF:** John said a big topic was about invasive species in town. They are looking to get a group together and try and begin to eliminate invasive species.

**Report of Parks and Rec. Dir.:** Community Center; after talking with Human Resources they have decided not to open the center on the weekends for town residents to use the restrooms. Jones house on the Avery Street Property will come down this summer. Tennis Courts at Wapping are in need of a large overhaul. The town will look to rebuild with a post-tension concrete approach.

Rye street field is having an issue with the lights and there are other lights out on the town fields. Ray had reached out to Musco Lighting for a proposal to relight Rye Street Field with LEDs and replace any other lights on the town fields.

PARC wants to thank the Parks crew for getting all the fields ready for spring sports with all the bad weather in April. Matt also wanted to thank Ray, Keri and Shelby for all their work with the 4<sup>th</sup> R program and tackling all the issues this year.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm

**Next Meeting:** 7:30pm June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Respectfully Submitted

George S. Caye